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1. IT SEEMS RATHER UNUSUAL TO BE ASKED TO COMMENT ON CONVERSATION THAT ALLEGEDLY OCCURED ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO AND A HALF A WORLD AWAY, ABOUT INFORMATION ON WHICH THE SOURCE IS UNDERTANDABLY VAGUE, WHICH HE HIMSELF DESCRIBES AS "SECOND-HAND,...NOT OF MUCH USE...AND...NOT SUFFICIENTLY RELIABLE," WHICH COMES FROM AN ANTI-REGIM CHILEAN WHO HAS AN AXE TO GRIND AND IS NOT SURE OF THE TIME, THROUGH A THIRD PERSON WHO HAS USED NY NAME IN A CRITICAL, PERHAPS LIBELOUS MANNER IN THE NATIONAL PRESS. I HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS WHETHER ANY COMMENTS UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS ARE IN MY -- OR THE NATIONAL -- INTEREST BUT HERE THEY ARE:

2. I HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS NNOW FOR A FULL WEEND AND SEVERAL

WAKEFUL NIGHTS AND STILL DO NOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL THE REPORTED CONVERSATION WITH JUDD KESSLER. IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN USEFUL TO KNOW HOW AND WHERE HE "REPORTED THE INFORMATION" TO ME (THE WHEN IS APPARENTLY UNCERTAIN, WITH A POSSIBLE SPAN OF TWENTY DAYS).

WAS IT BY TELEPHONE, DID HE COME TO THE CONSULATE, DID HE

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SEE ME AT THE CHANCERY, DID HE GIVE ME A NOTE OR MEMO, OR WHAT?

I DO REMEMBER THAT IN "LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER" OF 1973 MANY PEOPLE IN THE EMBASSY AT SANTIAGO KNEW OF OUR SEARCH FOR HORMAN AND WERE SPECULATING ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM. MANY (PROBABLY INCLUDING KESSLER) WERE READY TO ACCEPT THAT HE PROBABLY HAD BEEN KILLED BY THE CHILEAN MILITARY, WHILE OTHERS HELD OUT FOR MORE POSITIVE PROOF. WE CONTINUED TO HOPE HE WOULD BE FOUND ALIVE. TYPICAL OF THE STORIES WE CHECKED OUT, RATHER DELICATELY BUT WITHOUT RESULT, CAME FROM A BRITISH JOURNALIST WHO CLAIMED TO KNOW THAT HORMAN WAS IN AN "UNDERGROUND RAILROAD," TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY. WHEN WE WERE GIVEN ANY KIND

OF REASONABLE LEAD, WE TRIED TO CHECK IT OUT AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE SOURCE. WE CHECKED OUT MANY, BUT FOUND THEM ALL TO BE DEAD ENDS. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT THEY WERE -- AS IS THIS ONE -- SECOND-OR THIRD-HAND AND WE COULD USUALLY NOT EVEN LOCATE THE FIRST-HAND SOURCE. BUT MANY PEOPLE SPECULATED AND FEW PROVIDED ANY HARD FACTS OR GOOD LEADS.

3. ANY TIME WE WERE TOLD THAT SO-AND-SO HAD INFORMATION FROM SO-AND-SO, WE TRID TO TALK TO BOTH OF THE SOURCES. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER KESSLER CLAIMS HE MENTIONED SANDOVAL'S NAME TO ME. I DO NOT RECALL HEARING IT BEFORE SEEING IT IN REFTEL. IF KESSLER HAD INFORMED ME MERELY THAT A FRIEND HAD TOLD HIM THAT "SOMEONE HE KNEW IN THE CHILEAN MILITARY HAD SAID THAT HORMAN HAD BEEN IN THE NATIONAL STADIUM AND EITHER ... HAD BEEN KILLED THERE OR WAS DEAD," I WOULD HAVE ASKED TO TALK TO THE FRIEND OR ASKED THAT KESSLER FIND OUT FOR ME WHO THE ORIGINAL SOURCE WAS. WOULD SANDOVAL HAVE TOLD KESSLER WHO THE CHILEAN MILITARY FRIEND WAS? HAS SANDOVAL TOLD DIUGUID AND HAS THE LATTER SOUGHT OUT THE FRIEND FOR VERIFICATION OF THE STORY? THAT WOULD SEEM TO BE IMPORTANT TO KNOW. IF KESSLER HAD TOLD ME THAT STORY AS DESCRIBED, I MIGHT WELL HAVE CONSIDERED IT (AS DID HE) "NOTHING MORE THAN A SECOND-HAND STORY FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE WHICH, TO MY WAY OF THINKING, WAS NOT OF MUCH USE FOR PURPOSE OF CHALLENGING THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AND CERTAINLY NOT SUFFICIENTLY RELIABLE TO BE PASSED ON TO THE HORMAN FAMILY."

4. HERE AGAIN, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER KESSLER CLAIMS TO HAVE SPOKEN WITH ME ON ONE OCCASION OR TWO, AS WITH SANDOVAL. IT WOULD SEEM IMPORTANT TO KNOW IF HE "REPORTED" TO ME AGAIN AFTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TALKING WITH SANDOVAL THE SECOND TIME "ABOUT 9/3/073./

5. ANOTHER ANGLE IS NOT CLEAR TO ME. IN THE THIRD PARA OF REFTEL, DIUGUID APPEARS TO CLAIM THAT KESSLER ALSO REPORTED (TO ME?) "THE ALLEGATION THAT THOSE TALKING (SIC) THE DECISION HAS A DOSSIER ON HORMAN INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT HIS ANTI-VIETNAM AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES." DOES KESSLER CLAIM THAT SANDOVAL TOLD HIM THIS? DOES HE CLAIM THAT

HE TOLD ME THAT INFORMATION?

6. I HAVE RECEIVED THE COPIES OF THE DIUGUID ARTICLES AND FIND THEREIN INDICATIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS NEW INFORMATION OR NEW ALLEGATIONS ABOUT WHICH I AM STILL UNINFORMED. THIS MAKES THE STORY FRUSTRATINGLY VAGUE TO ME. IF I AM TO CONTINUE TO BE ASKED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THIS MATTER, PIECEMEAL OVER A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, I SHOULD BE PROVIDED UP-TO-DATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE PRESS. ONLY THUS CAN I REFRESH MY MEMORY AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS FULLY AND ACCURATELY TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION. FOR EXAMPLE, DIUGUID REFERS TO SANDOVAL'S STORY BEING PASSED TO THE EMBASSY ALSO "BY ANOTHER EMBASSY" AND BY THE FORD FOUNDATION. CAN THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE MORE DETAIL ON THIS PART OF THE STORY?
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